

7 January 2021



Dear Parent / Carer

The key message from the government during this third lockdown is to stay at home to reduce contacts. With this approach in mind, school is closed.

This, therefore, means that students should study from home. If you are a critical worker, we can provide on site learning for your child if they cannot learn from home. This provision must be booked in advance and must be for a whole day at a time.

Students on site will be doing the same work as students at home. Please remember the key message from the government is to stay at home and stay safe.

Please complete the form on the link below to indicate whether they need to attend school.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=E_ohdASbmESTHkYSQ5arS6Q-n0ZfSORMtYrqFfhbo6BUNIpRTUtPMIVRT0EwR044SkFIMEpNUzNKQy4u

This link is also available on the school website.

This should be completed by **2pm on Friday 8 January** to reserve a place for next week.

There is now an option to select 'Attend every day up to and including Friday 12 February' which if you select you **MUST** inform the school if your child is then going to be absent from school on any particular day. You can do this by phoning the student absence line, 01733 343646 (Option 1).

Critical Worker Status (for definitions, please see list on appendix at the end of this letter)

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Pereira".

K Pereira
Headteacher

APPENDIX I

CRITICAL WORKER STATUS DEFINITIONS

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care	This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.
Education and childcare	This includes: Childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers, specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach
Key public services	This includes: those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting
Local and national government	This only includes: those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies
Food and other necessary goods	This includes those involved in food: Production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)
Public safety and national security	This includes: police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas
Transport	This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.
Utilities, communication and financial services	This includes: staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers, waste disposal sectors